

*P/s. note next
FAC meeting will
be on 16 May 1983.*

MINUTES
OF THE 11 APRIL 1983
MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hours in Room 7D32, Headquarters. Present were:

Members:

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Consultant:

Others:

2. The minutes of the 14 March meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Committee Reports

a. Exhibits

(1) April - The Marc Mellon Exhibit of bronzes is currently on display. [] commented he had received a number of very positive comments on this exhibit.

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(2) May - The East Asia Exhibit under the coordination []

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(3) June - [] photos from the 1920's in China. [] have selected the photos to be enlarged for this exhibit. Some of the pages from the photo albums will be placed in the display cases.

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(3) July - Still open.

(4) August - Artists for Victory. This Library of Congress exhibit will run from 1 August to 11 September and features posters of the 1940's.

(5) September - Hispanic Month - This exhibit will feature pictures of Columbia, Panama, and Ecuador.

4. Old Business

a. DCI Portrait

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[] advised that the Procurement Officer has placed the order for the Director's portrait to be painted by the artist Everett Kinstler. However, Kinstler's schedule is such that he will not be able to get started until November, which appears to be satisfactory. The sittings will commence in November and it will take about one year before we receive the finished portrait.

b. Water Leak in Tunnel

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[] advised that GSA has notified the Regional Office about the water leak in the tunnel. They are sending someone out to make a survey and draw up the work order for repairs. The survey will be done before April 20.

c. Repair to Concrete Paving in Front of Headquarters

The Commission all agreed that the concrete repair to the paving in front of Headquarters is a bad match. However, GSA has signed off the work as being completed and there is no way of getting it redone other than paying for it again. [] brought up the question of looking into dyeing the concrete. OL will look into this further.

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d. Lowered Ceiling in GE Corridor

25X1 [] advised that Headquarters Engineering Branch will be responding to us on this matter by formal memo.

5. New Business

a. Briefing on New Building

25X1 [] of the Building Planning Staff briefed the meeting on the new building. He started off by trying to give us a picture of where they are at present in the plans and what items they were focusing on as compared to where they were last year. He said that last year they were concerned primarily with responding to an OMB Directive stating that any federal agency has to have a 20-year plan for its site before requesting funds. Accordingly, last year they were concerned with site considerations, transportation, etc. This year they are focusing on items such as capital costs, internal functions of the building (which components, offices it will house), aesthetics of the building, energy and security considerations, parking, etc. He showed us the design alternatives for the building and the design that was chosen. He also explained the plans they have for multi-level parking in the West Parking Lot. There will be no way to avoid major disruption of parking during construction, which may begin in 1984. Temporary parking arrangements will be needed but have not yet been selected.

The budgeting for the building includes about \$1 million for decorative detail. [] assured the Commission that his staff plans to maintain a dialog with the FAC on matters which fall within its charter.

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b. Fence in Front of Satellite Antenna, North Parking Lot

25X1 There is a general consensus among the members that something different should be done to the fence around the satellite antenna in the North Parking Lot. At present, in its natural wood state, it leaves the impression of being unfinished. [] and the Exterior Committee will explore alternatives.

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c. Redesign of Cafeteria Check-out Stations

Commission representatives met recently with the Cafeteria Committee on the redesign of the cafeteria check-out stations and the location of a third station in the North Cafeteria. It was proposed that all of the cashiers' stands in both cafeterias be redesigned. They will be constructed of a material called Color-Core which is preferable to Formica because the color is not just on the surface, so chips and scratches are less noticeable. The stands will be done in two neutral shades of beige. Also, less merchandise will be placed on the new stands so they will not be as cluttered as in the past and the colors will be more apparent. This work will be getting underway very soon and construction is due to be completed in June.

d. Request to Paint Office with Non-Standard Color

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[redacted] had submitted a request that the Audio-Visual Office in the Chamber of Commerce Building be painted with a non-standard color. In the past we have avoided the use of non-standard wall colors. It was the consensus that, unless the area has a truly unique requirement, we should not set a precedent by approving the use of non-standard colors.

e. Performing Arts

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[redacted] advised that he had gotten back a reply from Mr. Fitzwater approving our formal proposal that we get into sponsoring the performing arts. Accordingly, we will move ahead with tentative plans to sponsor a performance this Fall in the Auditorium by the Young Dancers, the apprentice ensemble from the Washington School of Ballet.

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f. Revision of [redacted]

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[redacted] passed out copies of another version of the proposed revision [redacted] (Fine Arts Commission). He asked that the members take a look at it and let him have any comments by Wednesday, 13 April.

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g. Establishing Relationship with Director of Corcoran

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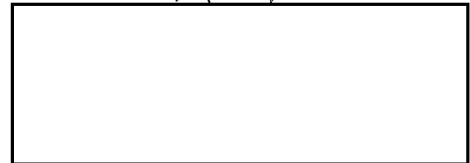
[redacted] advised that while setting up the current exhibit of Marc Mellon's work, Mellon mentioned that

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Michael Botwinik, Director of the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., had expressed an interest in seeing the show. Mellon was acquainted with Botwinik at the Brooklyn Museum. This seemed to be a good opportunity to establish a contact at the Corcoran which could possibly lead to our borrowing from their extensive collections for future exhibit. Mr. Botwinik has accepted an invitation to visit Headquarters and to see the Mellon exhibit. Mr. Fitzwater will host a small luncheon for Mr. Botwinik.

6. The next meeting of the FAC was scheduled to be held on Monday, 9 May 1983. (Note: Subsequent to the April meeting it became necessary to reschedule the May meeting, which will be held on Monday, 16 May 1983, at 1100 hours in Room 7D32.)

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1220 hours.



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